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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11-27 and 30-35 were pending in the present application. In the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 6, 11-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-26, 30, 32-33, and 35 have been amended, and claims 2, 7, 13, 18, 23, 27, 31, and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer to subject matter disclosed therein. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants wish to express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during telephone interviews with the undersigned. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11-13, 15-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 30-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tiedemann *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,392,287 A), hereinafter referred to as Tiedemann.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites: "partitioning a time interval during which a control channel capsule is transmitted into a first time period and a second time period; transmitting a packet directed to said access terminal and a signature during said first time period, said signature indicative of a change in a set of overhead parameters; and transmitting said set of overhead parameters during said second time period, said overhead parameters including system configuration information associated with said access network" (emphasis added). Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent claims 6, 26, 30, and 33 each recite features analogous to those recited in claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Independent claim 11, as amended, recites: "receiving a packet directed to said access terminal and a signature during a first time period; and stopping monitoring said control channel during a second time period subsequent to said first time period, if said signature indicates that a

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set of overhead parameters is up to date" (emphasis added). Applicants submit that claim 11 is patentable over the cited reference. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 11 be withdrawn.

Independent claims 16, 21, and 32 each recite features analogous to those recited in claim 11 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 12, 14-15, 17, 19-20, 22, 24-25, and 35 each depend from one of independent claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 32, and therefore are allowable, for at least the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 14, 19, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tiedemann in view of Harte (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,137).

Claims 14, 19, and 24 each depend from one of independent claims 11, 16, and 21, and therefore are also allowable, for at least the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

PATENT**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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